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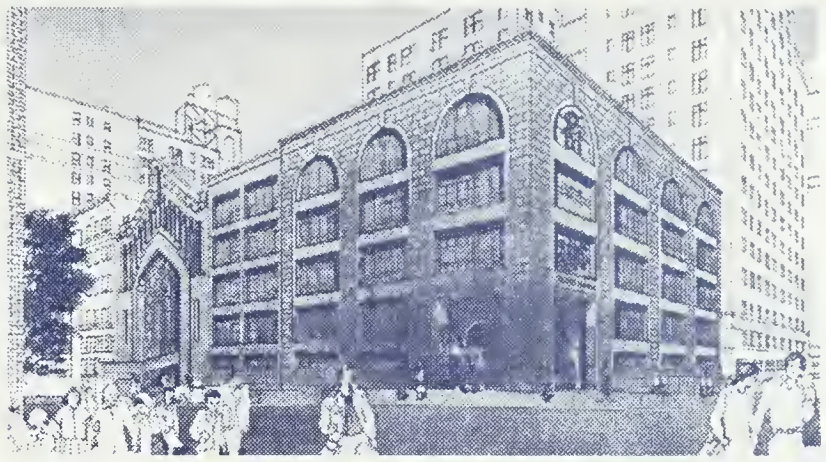

Selihot Lecture and Service Saturday Evening, September 4

It is traditional for Jews to listen to a lecture and recite penitential prayers on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah to prepare both intellectually and spiritually for the High Holy Days. This special preparation will take place at the Selihot service on Saturday evening, September 4.

This special evening begins with a Coffee Hour at 8:30 P.M. Afterwards, **Devorah Schoenfeld**, teacher at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, will speak on the important topic: "**HOW TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS**."

After the lecture, a **Chorale Selihot Service** will take place at **10 P.M.** Rabbis David H. Lincoln, Kenneth A. Stern and Miriam C. Berkowitz will lead the prayer readings and Cantors David Lefkowitz and Nancy Abramson will chant the liturgy, accompanied by the Synagogue High Holy Day Choir under the direction of Neil Robinson.

Park Avenue Synagogue invites you to prepare yourselves for a more meaningful High Holy Day worship experience by attending this annual Selihot service. Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Hear Our Voices: *Sh'ma Kolenu*

Each year we come together on the High Holidays, and we pray, "*Sh'ma kolenu*, Hear our voices." We come to the services with our own expectations and ideas of what will transpire in the time that we spend worshipping. Our individual prayers allow us to open our hearts and minds in supplication for the year ahead and in gratitude for all the blessings we have received.

And yet, our prayers are not complete unless we recite them as part of a community. We effect the transformation from individuals to members of a community through singing and chanting together. The words "*Sh'ma*

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Daniel S. Bernstein and Lucy Becker to be Honored This Year on Simhat Torah

Daniel S. Bernstein

Lucy Becker

Each year, during the Festival of Simhat Torah, it is customary for a congregation to honor two members who have contributed in important ways to the life of the synagogue and/or Jewish community in which they live. In keeping with this Jewish tradition, this year, during the Simhat Torah service on Sunday morning, October 3, 1999, two such special congregants, Daniel S. Bernstein and Lucy Becker, will be honored in this way. Daniel Bernstein will be called to the Torah as Hatan Torah, while Lucy Becker will be called to the Torah as Kallah Bereishit.

Following the service which begins at 9:15 A.M., the entire congregation will be invited to a buffet luncheon and reception on the Lower Level in honor of the honorees and their families.

This year, one theme in particular describes both honorees. The theme is that of "***l'dor, va dor***," "***from one generation to the other***." Each of the honorees expresses this concept in the manner in which his or her particular family life has unfolded.

Daniel S. Bernstein

Danny and his wife, Vivian, have been members of the Park Avenue Synagogue since 1985. Since then, Danny has been actively involved in the life of our congregation in many ways. He has served on Park Avenue Synagogue's Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Ritual Committee and School Board. He also has been a regular participant in the Thursday Morning Minyan and attends Shabbat services regularly.

Danny is a born and bred, true New Yorker, from the Westside of Manhattan, West 83rd Street to be exact. He went to public school in Manhattan and to B'nai Jeshurun's religious school, where he was active in its

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Lucy Becker

Lucy Becker was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester and earned her master's degree in American history at the University of Pennsylvania. She was formerly a high school history teacher in the New York City public school system. During that period she was involved with the training of new teachers and functioned as a mentor to graduates about to enter the profession.

During the years that her children attended The Horace Mann School she was involved in all aspects of its Parents' Association. She was the secretary of its Executive Board, served on the Education Committee and was in charge of the mentoring program which served

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F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

Photo by David Parker

Rosh Hashanah is once again upon us. Something within us awakens, another turning-point. What of the past, and the future? Are we better persons than last year, more caring, more sensitive? Have we studied Torah, kept mitzvot, become more spiritual, more refined? Are we closer to God, or have we drifted ever further away?

"And Who By Water..."

Many of you will have read in the newspapers that early this summer a U.S. salvage company and Israeli naval experts found the submarine "Dakar" which disappeared in early 1968. The Dakar had been an old Royal Naval

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for SEPTEMBER, 1999

Friday evening, September 3 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, September 4 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Samuel Benburi, son of Ilana and Dr. Parviz Benburi
Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

SELIHOT SERVICE
Saturday evening, September 4 ..... 10:00 P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Friday evening, September 10 ..... 5:45 P.M.

First Day of Rosh Hashanah
Saturday morning, September 11 ..... 8:30 A.M.
Saturday evening, September 11 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Sunday morning, September 12 ..... 8:30 A.M.
Sunday evening, September 12 ..... 5:45 P.M.
Friday evening, September 17 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Monthly Children's Birthday Celebration
Saturday morning, September 18 ..... 9:15 A.M.

Shabbat Shuvah
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Diana Tess Braham, daughter of Susanne and Robert Braham

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES
Minhah Service
Sunday afternoon, September 19 ..... 1:30 P.M.

Kol Nidre Service
Sunday evening, September 19 ..... 6:30 P.M.

Yom Kippur
Monday morning, September 20 ..... 9:00 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service
Monday afternoon, September 20 ..... 2:45 P.M.

SUKKOT SERVICES
Erev Sukkot
Friday evening, September 24 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Followed by a Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner
(By Advance Reservation Only)

First Day of Sukkot
Saturday morning, September 25 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service ..... 9:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Lee Snell, daughter of Nancy and Stephen Snell
Saturday evening, September 25 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Second Day of Sukkot
Sunday morning, September 26 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Elana Shoshana Seplow-Jolley, daughter of David and Kathy Seplow-Jolley
Sunday evening, September 26 ..... 5:45 P.M.
Followed by a Congregational Sukkah Dinner
(By Advance Reservation Only)

Hoshanah Rabbah
Friday morning, October 1 ..... 6:30 A.M.
Friday evening, October 1 ..... 6:15 P.M.

Shemini Atzeret
Saturday morning, October 2 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service
Erev Simhat Torah
Saturday evening, October 2 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Simhat Torah
Honoring Daniel S. Bernstein and Lucy Becker
Sunday morning, October 3 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Sunday evening, October 3 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Miriam C. Berkowitz will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue High Holy Days Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Baby sitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

From the Rabbi's Desk

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submarine that was bought by Israel and refitted in Portsmouth, England. I was the rabbi of that town and, as such, I served as the rabbi for the young Israeli sailors as well. I had been on board many times, and when she left Portsmouth for trials off Scotland, I recited the prayers upon her departure.

As I was about to leave for my new life in the U.S.A., the crew presented me with an Israeli military prayerbook inscribed in Hebrew with the words "May you have a fruitful and blessed family life in your new venture in the U.S."

The submarine disappeared almost without trace in early 1968. A buoy was later washed up on Egyptian shores which gave rise to a suspicion that either an Arab or Soviet naval vessel had attacked. This was denied by all concerned and it seems now that she accidentally was struck by a large cargo ship.

Needless to say, I was deeply affected by the tragedy and, at the time, I wrote to many of the parents to express my sorrow.

The military chaplaincy in Israel eventually declared the wives of the crew as widows who were free to remarry as there was no chance of finding any alive after some time.

My son-in-law has sent me a cutting from *The Express* newspaper in London with the following story. It appears that the original name of the submarine, when commissioned by the British Navy, was "Totem." For 23 years, the sailors relied on their talisman which had come from the Cowichan tribe in Canada. The Indians warned that if that totem pole was removed the submarine would never return. The Israelis changed the name and said they did not want the totem pole on board!

— Rabbi David H. Lincoln

Hebrew School for Parents with Master Teacher Vivian Finkel 8 Thursday mornings from September 23 through November 11

Beginners: 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.
Intermediate: 10:45 - 11:45 A.M.

Learn about holidays, prayers, Torah and Hebrew, paralleling Hebrew school studies. Cost: $150, subsidized and sponsored by the Parents' Association. To register, either call Varda Hubara's office or come to the first class.

September B'not and Bar Mitzvahs

Elizabeth Lee Snell, September 25, 1999

Elizabeth (Liz) Snell comes from a long line of Park Avenue Synagogue members. Following in the footsteps of her parents, grandparents, cousins, uncles and, most importantly, her brother, Thomas, her Jewish education began in the Prozdor class here at PAS when she was five years old.

A born and bred New Yorker, she attended Temple Emanuel Nursery School, P.S.6 and is currently an eighth grader at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School.

Always with a smile and a sweet word, Liz loves skiing and tennis, shopping, talking on the phone, going to camp and traveling,. Her friends describe her as "caring," "loving" and "very enthusiastic."

She loves the friendships that she has made over the years in Hebrew school and hopes to continue with many of them next year in the Hebrew high school. Liz is looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah and celebrating this joyous day with all of you.

Elana Shoshana Seplow-Jolley, September 26, 1999

Elana Seplow-Jolley has been privileged to be a student at Park Avenue Synagogue's Congregational School since Alef grade and will continue her studies in the Hebrew high school. A highlight of her recent Vav year was hearing Rabbi Nadich speak to the religious school about his experiences as advisor to General Eisenhower during WWII, when the nightmare of the Holocaust was real and the hope of Israel was only a dream. Elana's great-great-grandparents perished, but she got to walk on the Golan Heights, on Masada and in Jerusalem with her Israeli cousin, the grandson of her great-great uncle, Israel Avivi, a pioneer.

Elana is in the seventh grade at the Brearley School where ancient Egyptian civilization, geometry and the study of the eye and brain have interested her most. Last summer she participated in art classes at the Anderson Ranch in Aspen, Colorado and was a camper at Camp Ramah.

Her favorite extra-curricular activities are reading, writing short fiction, being with her good friends, swimming, playing baseball and basketball, and traveling in Europe and Israel.

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Hear Our Voices *(from page 1)*

kolenu, Hear our voices" are recited in plural.

This year, we will have at every seat an expanded version of the *High Holiday Singing Guide* introduced last year to assist each congregant in feeling the spirit of our participating community. The guide contains a synopsis, transliteration and musical notation for many of the prayers we chant together. Our goal is that each person attending our services enjoys the beauty and participates fully. We are committed to enhancing your experience of the services through music.

The sound of many voices rising together in song and prayer is powerful, and draws us close in a modern community, while still resonating with the sounds of the past. We hope that utilizing the aids to prayer in the *High Holiday Singing Guide* will help each of you to *daven* more wholeheartedly. In adding your voice in joy and awe to our services, you increase the strength of the entire Park Avenue Synagogue community.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu v'Techatemu!
Cantor David Lefkowitz and
Cantor Nancy Abramson

One More Minyan- The Alternative High Holy Days Service

Park Avenue Synagogue once again will be hosting *One More Minyan*, an alternative service for the High Holy Days. This service, an interesting blend of informal and participatory worship and study to appeal primarily to young men and women in their 20's and 30's, will be facilitated by Lauren Eichler, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Its services will be held in the Appleman Chapel on the following dates and times:

- First day of Rosh Hashanah—
  Saturday, September 11 at 10 A.M.
- Second day of Rosh Hashanah—
  Sunday, September 12 at 10 A.M.
- Kol Nidre—
  Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 P.M.
- Yom Kippur—
  Monday, September 20 at 10 A.M.

In Celebration of the High Holy Days

IN OUR HOMES

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and a festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color which symbolizes purity and joy. Thus the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round hallot, symbolizing a full round year, apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of the candles and kiddush which precede the festive meal on both nights of Rosh Hashanah. The following blessings are recited over the candles:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, asher kidesbanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You. O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle light for the Festival.

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, shehehehyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

After the Rosh Hashanah kiddush, the Motzi is recited over the round hallah:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, hamotzi lehem min ha-aretz.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

Yehi ratzon milefanekhah Adonai Elohenu v'Elohei avoteinu, shetehadesh aleiynu shanah tovah umetukah.

May it be Thy Will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of Rosh Hashanah, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by the daytime kiddush and the Motzi:

Tiku vahodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu, kihok l'Yisraelhu, mishpat l'Elohey Yaaqkov.

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, borei pri hagafen.

The greeting on Rosh Hashanah is L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu — May you be inscribed for a good year.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which is observed entirely in the synagogue. But the meal which precedes the fast of Erev Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in the synagogue before sundown.

Following the *Birkat haMazon* — the grace after meals — the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, asher kidesbanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Yom HaKippurim.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by The Commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohenu Melekh Haolam, shehehehyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part, to the extent they are able.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasures is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths." However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person is ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial Lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing the Children

It is the tradition that before leaving for the Kol Nidre service parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

For Sons: May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel, as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.

For Daughters: May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel, as were our mothers Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

Forgiveness

At this time, just before leaving the house to attend the Kol Nidre service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done, knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Shabbat Shuvah

The Sabbath that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, from the Haftarah portion of that Sabbath which begins with the word Shuvah, meaning "return" (repent).

For the Hearing Impaired

Through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, it is now possible for those who are hearing impaired to use head sets while attending services. Please inform the synagogue office if you wish to avail yourself of this convenience.

Tzedakah

As a caring community, congregants are asked to consider the needs of the synagogue at the Kol Nidre Appeal and the two social outreach programs which it supports year round: The Food Pantry and the Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach.

Congregants are asked to respond as generously as possible to the Kol Nidre Appeal. The funds generated by this annual campaign help balance the annual budget of the synagogue which includes the religious school program and social service outreach programs.

The Food Pantry, operated by our high school students, supplies food packages to more than one hundred poor families in our neighborhood. The cost of this program is $20 per family, per week. Let your heart dictate to you how you wish to support this important project.

The Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach works in cooperation with the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty to help Soviet Jewish immigrants with their needs.

HOLD THE DATE
NOVEMBER 14, 1999
MITZVAH DAY

A New Fall Study Program

Presented By
PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE and the JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RABBINIC HAVRUTA on Marriage and Divorce in Jewish Tradition with **Rabbi David H. Lincoln**
Tuesdays, October 12, 19, November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 14

BIBLE HAVRUTA on **Who Wrote the Bible?** with **Dr. Robert Harris**
Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28, November 18, December 2, 9, 16

TALMUD HAVRUTA on **Selections from Tractate Megillah** with **Rabbi Joel Roth**
Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28, November 18, December 2, 9, 16

THEOLOGICAL HAVRUTA on **Judah Halevi's *The Kuzari:* A Medieval Anti-philosophical Classic** with **Rabbi Neil Gillman**
Tuesdays, October 12, 19, November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 14

Cost: $175 for one course and $300 for two courses for registration before October 1; $200 for each course for registration after October 1. $150 for each course for seniors and full-time students. Texts must be purchased separately.

Time/place of classes: 7 to 9 P.M. at Park Avenue Synagogue.

For more information, please call: 678-8979.

With Pride and Congratulations To:

Daniel Wexton Balgley, son of Mrs. Halona Wexton Balgley, who was honored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York for placing first in the Jewish Heritage-NY99 Writing Contest for his poem: "Jewish Life in New York City." Daniel is a product of both the PAS Early Childhood Center and the Congregational Religious School.

Sally Goodgold, upon the marriage of her son, Jay Goodgold, to Karen Swoiskin.

Susan Lincoln, who has been elected a vice president of The Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council of Greater New York.

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Daniel Bernstein

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Junior Congregation.

He attended The Bronx High School of Science, followed by Cornell University, where he obtained an engineering degree, and then went to New York University's Graduate School of Business, from which he earned his M.B.A. in business administration.

He is the third generation owner of a family business, a commercial construction and renovation company by the name of Alexander Wolf & Son, which was started by his maternal grandfather in 1905.

In addition, Danny is a member of the American Arbitration Association's Construction Division, for which he participates as an arbitrator in disputes, and is a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Young Men's Division.

As a family, the Bernstein's have been actively involved in the life of our congregation since they joined. Vivian, along with Danny, has been a member of the Couples Club, an officer in the Women's Evening Group, and a member of the Sherr Institute's Adult Education Committee.

They have two children, Peter and Michelle. Both attended (or now attend) the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School and High School, the Thursday Morning Minyan with their dad for many years, and celebrated their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs with our congregation. Peter has just begun his freshman year at Cornell, where he plans to study engineering and become the fourth generation in the family business. Michelle is in the ninth grade at The Horace Mann School.

Danny, who says that he has always had a "strong feeling for Judaism," obviously has been able to successfully transmit that feeling to his children. Hence the theme "***l'dor va dor***" is most appropriate as a major pattern in the stream of Danny's life.

A kind, likeable man, with a good sense of humor, Danny has shown his devotion to synagogue life over the years. He and Vivian have had many good experiences and made good friends at PAS. He is thankful for the congregation's open-armed acceptance of them, both individually and as a family.

Thus, we are proud to honor him as Hatan Torah this Simhat Torah for his many contributions to our synagogue life. We hope that he, Vivian, Peter and Michelle will continue their involvement with us for many more years.

Lucy Becker

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to integrate incoming families into the school community.

She became involved at Park Avenue Synagogue in 1981 when her daughter, Nancy, was enrolled in the religious school's kindergarten program. Wanting to be involved in this new aspect of her daughter's life, she attended a meeting of the Parents' Association, became a class parent and began an involvement which has grown and become more fulfilling. She served for three years as the president of the Parents' Association. As her children reached high school age, she served on many high school committees and has, along with others, grappled with the challenge of keeping high school age children involved with both the synagogue and the school. Lucy currently serves on Park Avenue Synagogue's School Board.

In addition, she has been active on the College Liaison Committee which sends holiday gift-packages and greetings to students of college age, and was involved in the planning and implementation of our synagogue's celebration of Israel's 50th birthday.

Lucy was recently elected to a second term on our synagogue's Board of Trustees and last year served on the Search Committee which hired our new assistant rabbi. She has also served on the synagogue's Advisory Council. After serving on the Board of the Women's Evening Group for several years she was elected a vice-president of the group. She also serves on the Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach and has been a Mitzvah Sunday volunteer every year.

Lucy is married to Robert Becker, an attorney, who is a past president and a current board member of the Men's Club. Her daughter, Nancy, and her son, Jonathan, are graduates of the religious school and celebrated their Bat and Bar Mitzvahs at the synagogue. Nancy, a Cornell graduate, now attends Fordham Law School, while Jonathan is a student at Columbia University. Her mother, Matilda Goldberg is the long-term president of the Sisterhood and was honored in 1994 for her contributions to our synagogue community.

We are proud to honor Lucy as Kallah Bereishit for her many years of service and commitment to our congregation. The theme "***l'dor va dor***" is also appropriate as a major pattern in Lucy's family life. We hope that she, her husband, Bob, and her mother, Mattie, will be actively involved with us for many more years.

Welcome Back From the Congregational School's Parents' Association

What lies ahead is an exciting new year of Jewish education, experience, growth and community service. The Parent's Association sponsors a number of events during the year which support the religious school and enrich the lives of its students and their families. Everyone is invited to participate! Here is a review of some of the upcoming events:

• **Three Welcome Coffee Dates**: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, September 13, 14 and 16 from 4 to 6 P.M.

• **Two Sukkah Dinners** - This year the Parents' Association will be hosting two dinners in the Sukkah, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 29 and 30. Sign up early!

• **Curriculum Night** - Monday, October 4 at 7 P.M. Come meet your children' teachers. There will be time to socialize at a reception sponsored by the Parents' Association.

• **Mitzvah Sunday** - November 14. Save this date. Collect items to donate for this special event. Here is a good opportunity to clean out old toys, games, sports equipment, books and videos, i.e., anything in good condition for a sale to benefit agencies that help the needy.

Family Education Program to Host Congregational Sukkot Dinner Sunday, September 26

Join in a dinner celebration of the feast of Sukkot, the fall harvest holiday, atop the roof in the Ritter Sukkah. Experience old and new Sukkot traditions. Seating is limited. So sign up **immediately!** (Reservations close Friday, September 17.) Please fill out, cut out and send in the reservation form on page 7.

September in the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

• Wednesday, September 8 - High school orientation and registration of 9th to 12th grade students will take place at 4:30 P.M.

• Tuesday, September 14 - High school orientation and registration of 8th grade students at 4:30 P.M.

• Wednesday, September 15 - Classes begin at 4:30 P.M. Final registration from 4 to 4:30 P.M.

September Events in the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School

Welcome back! It is time to continue with our teaching and learning. Rosh Hashanah is very early this year and students will be coming to services before school starts. The teachers and I are looking forward to a good, productive and enjoyable year.

• Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12 -Rosh Hashanah services for the students will be held from 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon.

• Monday, September 13 - the first day of religious school

Saturday, September 18 - the first Gimel grade parent/student "Together" program will be held from 9 to 11 A.M. The topic will be "*Teshuvah.*"

• Sunday, September 19 - Erev Yom Kippur. Kol Nidre services for students will be held from 6:30 to 8 P.M.

• Monday, September 20 - Yom Kippur services for students will be held from 10:30 to 12 Noon.

• Saturday, September 25 - Sukkot. A service for students will be held from 10 to 11 A.M. in the Appleman Chapel.

The PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE YOUTH CHORALE

The Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Chorale begins its second year! Come join Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson at **rehearsals** beginning **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, from 5:15 to 6 P.M.** All **students in 5th grade through high school** are welcome to attend. The Chorale will perform at services and special events throughout the year.

What Will You Be Doing On Friday Night, December 31, 1999?

New Year's Eve 2000 falls on a Friday night. If you have no plans, are uncertain about your plans - or if you feel you are in a dilemma about what to do - why not spend the evening at Shabbat services and at a *traditional Shabbat dinner?*

If there is sufficient response, the synagogue will hold a dinner that night. Please call Bunny Abraham, 369-2600, extension 148, *by September 30th* to notify us of your interest.

ACT/SAT TESTING

Students need not take either SAT's or ACT's on Shabbat! It's easy to arrange alternate dates for testing.

Doing so makes a statement for Jewish observance and gives the students a chance to take the test with other Jewish students from other communities.

For information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at 369-2600, ext. 111.

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

The library will reopen on Monday, September 13 at 3 P.M. Please return your summer book loans!

New Books:

Buxbaum: *A Tu BeSh'vat Seder*
Matas: *In My Enemy's House*
Roiphe: *1185 Park Avenue*
Weiner: *Jewish Roots in Poland*

The library will be closed on the following dates in September and October:
- September 19, 20 and 26
- October 3 and 10.

We wish all congregants and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- The librarians

Bible Course with Dr. Diane Sharon

visiting professor of Bible at JTS, sponsored by the

Women's League for Conservative Judaism

6 Tuesday evenings, beginning October 5
6:45 to 8 P.M. with a light supper at 6 P.M.
at 48 East 74th Street

A Thank You from the Glucks

Thank you for honoring us at the Jewish Theological Seminary Dinner. We thank all of those who attended on Tuesday, June 8th. It is because of you that the dinner and the evening were such a success.

- Anita and Stanley Gluck

SAVE THE DATES

TUESDAY - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9 -11

New and Improved Parents' Association Annual

HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR!

All About Sukkot and Simhat Torah

The festival of Sukkot derives its name from the sukkah, the temporary dwelling or booth built especially for the holiday. Says the Book of Leviticus: "I did cause the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." The sukkah is, therefore, a reminder to all generations of God's redemption of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery.

Sukkot is also a festival of thanksgiving for the final ingathering of the harvest in the Land of Israel. Some of its symbols clearly recall the Land and its produce.

The four *minim*, or species, consist of an *etrog*, a *lulav*, myrtles and willows. The *lulav* is a branch of the palm tree and is bound together with three short branches of myrtle leaves (*hadasim*) and two branches of the willow tree (*aravot*). The *etrog* looks like a large lemon, but it smells and tastes much sweeter. It has a *pitom*, a small protuberance, at its end.

The rabbis teach that binding these different species together serves as an example to us of how all Jews, different though we may be from one another, must be bound together into one unit.

A blessing is said over the *minim* at two points in the morning service, during Hallel, right after the morning Amidah, and during *Hoshanot*, each day of the holiday when we march around the synagogue with them in a magnificent procession, except on Shabbat.

The festival of Sukkot begins on the 15th day of Tishri and the first two days are observed as major festival days. The next five days are *Hol Hamoed*, the Intermediate Days of the festival. These days are half-holidays, for while most labor is permitted, except, of course, on the Sabbath, we continue to eat meals in the sukkah and to make the blessings over the four *minim*, waving them during the recitation of the *Hallel* and when marching with them during the hymns (*Hoshanot*).

At Park Avenue Synagogue, our Ritter Sukkah, named in memory of Gerald and May Ellen Ritter, is constructed on the roof and decorated by the Parents' Association.

A kiddush takes place in the Ritter Sukkah following every service during Sukkot and dinner is served there almost every night of Sukkot.

The eighth day of Sukkot is treated as a separate holiday in and of itself and is called Shemini Atzeret, the "Eighth Day of Assem-

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You are cordially invited to have

DINNER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH

Friday, September 24 through Thursday, September 30

All reservations are pre-paid and non-refundable. In case of rain, dinner will be served on the Lower Level. Cost $25 per person; $10 each for children under 8 years of age. Please fill out, cut out, and return the reservation form below, marking the dinner(s) you will be attending, with your check made payable to Park Avenue Synagogue **immediately!**

RESERVATION FORM

Please check appropriate Sukkah Dinner(s):

1) Friday, September 24 at 7 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner Total $ _____ Over 8 _____

2) Saturday, September 25 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
hosted by **Sisterhood** Total $ _____ Over 8 _____

3) Sunday, September 26 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
Congregational Sukkot Dinner Total $ _____ Over 8 _____
hosted by the **Family Education Program**

4) Monday, September 27 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the **Women's Evening Group** Total $ _____ Over 8 _____
with **Cantor Nancy Abramson**

5) Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the **Men's Club** Total $ _____ Over 8 _____

6) Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the **Parents' Association** Total $ _____ Over 8 _____

7) Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 P.M. #Adults _____ #Children Under 8 _____
hosted by the **Parents' Association** Total $ _____ Over 8 _____

Total Amount of Check Enclosed Grand Total $ _____

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Address _____

Telephone No. _____
(day) (evening)

Help Decorate the Ritter Sukkah

Also, come help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! The more the better! It takes many hands to do the job and everyone is invited to join in the fun. We will be decorating on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, September 21,22 and 23 from 10 A.M. to 3 or 4 P.M. Please let us know when you will be able to help. You will be performing a mitzvah! Please fill out the volunteer form below, cut it out and return it to Park Avenue Synagogue!

VOLUNTEER FORM

I want to help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! I can come on:

☐ Tuesday, September 21 Time _____ ☐ Wednesday, September 22 Time_____
☐ Thursday, September 23 Time _____

Name _____
(please print clearly)

Telephone No. _____
(day) (evening)

September Bar Mitzvah

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Benjamin Samuel Benhuri, September 4, 1999

Benjamin Benhuri has been a student in the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School for the past two years. He received his previous religious and secular education at the Park East Day School which he attended from the first through fifth grades, and then transferred to The Browning School, which he currently attends, in the sixth grade.

Benjamin is a young man with a wide range of interests: computers; music, especially playing the piano; acting and magic. He likes to impersonate people and has a good sense of humor. As for sports, he enjoys swimming and kung fu.

Ben also likes to travel. He has been to California and Alaska in the U.S., as well as to Israel, Belgium, Holland, and the Caribbean.

While he was born in New York City on September 5, 1986 and is the oldest of two brothers, both of his parents are originally from Persia.

All About Sukkot & Simhat Torah

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bly." We no longer eat in the sukkah and in Israel prayers for rain are recited during the service. The Yizkor Memorial Prayers are also recited on Shemini Atzeret.

Then, Shemini Atzeret is followed by the joyous festival of Simhat Torah, the "Rejoicing of Torah." It is during the morning service on Simhat Torah that the last verse and the first verse of the Torah are read, a bold demonstration of our belief that the study of Torah is never-ending. We march joyfully in *hakafot* (processions) in which we carry the Scrolls of the Law. At this service two of our congregants are honored for their contributions to the synagogue and to the Jewish community.

Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim

Did you know...?

- If you are in the hospital, a **Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim** member can visit you.
- If you wish to celebrate Shabbat or Yomtov while in the hospital, **Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim** will supply candles and challah.
- If you just want company in the hospital, or while recuperating at home, give us a call!

To contact **Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim**, call Rabbi Lincoln's secretary at 369-2600, ext. 149.

Park Avenue Synagogue is Thinking of Setting Up a Support Group for Parents of Children with Chronic Illnesses

(if There is a Need)

Examples of chronic illnesses are: asthma, diabetes, heart disease, lupus, genetic chromosomal defects, cancer, etc.

The group's primary purpose would be to unite parents of children with similar health concerns on a regular basis, in a warm, supportive and relaxed environment, to provide the opportunity to discuss the various issues relevant to them. These group meetings would be led by a medical professional, and visiting speakers would address insurability and relevant family and school-related issues.

If you are a parent who might be interested in participating in such a support group, please contact the synagogue office this month.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mr. Edward Cohen, upon the death of his father, Herbert Cohen.

Mrs. Phyllis Fier, upon the death of her father, Harry Dochtenberg.

The family of the late Freda Fineman.

Mrs. Marilyn Greenberg, upon the death of her father, Harold Ruthizer.

Mr. Leonard Jasper, upon the death of his mother, Bertha Jasper.

Mrs. Marion Katz, upon the death of her husband, Joseph Howard Katz.

Mrs. Lillian Levitt, upon the death of her husband, Judge Benjamin Levitt.

Mr. Steven Newman, upon the death of his mother, Amelia Newman.

Mrs. Helene Sencer, upon the death of her mother, Lee Galanty.

Mr. Abraham I. Sherr, upon the death of his wife, Jean F. Sherr.

Mr. Walter Squire, upon the death of his mother, Helen Friedman.

Mrs. Jutta Tannhauser, upon the death of her sister, Sabina Demenstein.

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, upon the death of her sister, Robyn Weinstein.

The family of the late Israel Siegfried Zagorski.

Contributions

Bikur Cholim Fund

Vivian & Milton Finkel, in honor of Anita & Stanley Gluck.

Judge & Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, in appreciation.

Mrs. Eileen Lewis Lurin, in appreciation to the Bikur Cholim committee, and the clergy.

Mrs. Barbara Robbins, in memory of her mother, Dolly Grad.

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Dr. Leslie Hammel, in memory of his mother-in-law, Malvin Rittersporn.

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Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer, in honor of Matthew Berkowitz's ordination.

High School Food Pantry Fund

Bunny Abraham

Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Baron, in honor of their daughter, Amanda Baron's graduation from the University of Michigan.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for September 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY will reopen on Monday, September 13 at 3 P.M. NEW SCHEDULE OF HOURS: Monday - Thursday 3:00-6:30 P.M.			1 7 P.M. Hebrew Crash Course	2 7 P.M. Hebrew Crash Course	3 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 7:06 P.M.	4 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Samuel Benhuri 11:15 A.M. Tot Shabbat 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study 10 P.M. **Selihot Service**
5	6 **LABOR DAY**	7 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 1 P.M. Retirees Group	8	9	10 **Erev Rosh Hashanah** 5:45 P.M. Service Light Candles 6:54 P.M.	11 **First Day Rosh Hashanah** 8:30 A.M. Service 5:45 P.M. Service Light Candles 7:54 P.M.
12 **Second Day Rosh Hashanah** 8:30 A.M. Service 5:45 P.M. Service	13 4-6 P.M. Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	14 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 4-6 P.M. Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	15	16 4-6 P.M. Parents' Association Welcome Coffee	17 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service & Monthly Children's Birthday Celebration Light Candles 6:42 P.M.	18 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service Shabbat Shuvah 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Diana Tess Braham 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
19 1:30 P.M. Minhah Service **Erev Yom Kippur** 6:30 P.M. Kol Nidre Service Light Candles before Service	20 **Yom Kippur** 9 A.M. Services 2:45 P.M. Yizkor Memorial Service	21 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln	22 5 P.M. Parents' Association Planning Committee Meeting 6:15 P.M. Tikkun Olam Committee	23 **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:45 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 5 P.M. Parents' Association Planning Committee Meeting 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	24 **Erev Sukkot** 6:15 P.M. Service **Congregational Sukkot Shabbat Dinner** Light Candles 6:30 P.M.	25 **First Day Sukkot** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Sukkot Service 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Lee Snell 5:45 P.M. Service **Sisterhood Sukkah Dinner** Light Candles 7:32 P.M.
26 **Second Day Sukkot** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Service Bat Mitzvah of Elana Shoshana Seplow-Jolley 5:45 P.M. Service **Congregational Sukkah Dinner**	27 6:30 P.M. **WEG Sukkah Dinner**	28 8 A.M. Talmud with Rabbi Lincoln 1 P.M. Retirees Group 6:30 P.M. **Men's Club Sukkah Dinner**	29 6:30 P.M. **Parents' Association Sukkah Dinner** 8 P.M. School Board Meeting	30 **Hebrew School for Parents** 9:45 A.M. Beginners 10:45 A.M. Intermediate 6:30 P.M. **Parents' Association Sukkah Dinner**	**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM** Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M Saturday at 6 P.M.	

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Vivian & Milton Finkel, in memory of Ro[illegible] sister of Dr. Barbara Weinstein.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gal, in honor of Anita and Stanley Gluck.
Dr. Cory W. Gold, in memory of Herman Berger, husband of Frances Berger.
Mrs. Mimi Goldfinger, in memory of her uncle, Benjamin I. Livingston.
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Mrs. Ruth Kantor, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. Arthur Kaplan, in honor of Dr. Joseph Breindel's special birthday.
Gail & Dennis Karr, in memory of Goldie Patt, mother of Miriam Wallerstein.
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Landesberg, in honor of Peter Bernstein and the class of 1999.
Ruth & Ralph Levenson, in memory of Rose Soicher Molnar, mother of Larry Soicher.
Rabbi & Mrs. Lincoln, in honor of our dear friends Vivian and Milton Finkel.
Mrs. Joan Robbins, in memory of her mother, Leona Brickman.
Mrs. Sandra Rosen, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Lite Sabin, in memory of her father, Peter E. Bielenberg.
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Mrs. Florence Solomon, in honor of Anita and Stanley Gluck.
The students of the Mazer School of Religious Studies
Mr. Albert Sussman, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Albert Sussman, in honor of Molly Alissa Glenn's Bat Mitzvah.
Henry and Susan Vogelstein, on the special occasion of Anita and Stanley Gluck being honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary.
Meryl E. Wiener, in memory of Mr. Herbert Cohen, father of Edward Cohen.
Women's Evening Group

Stephanie Lynn Kossoff College Fund

Phyllis and Burt Kossoff, in memory of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn Kossoff.

Library Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Thomson, in honor of Wallace Chavkin.
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Men's Club Educational & Cultural Scholarship Fund

Gail & Dennis Karr, in honor of Mal Eisenberg's birthday.

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Mr. Henry Murad, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. Howard Murad, in memory of the grandmother of Lisa Polley.
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Nursery School Fund

Mr. Michael T. Cohen & Dr. Arielle Hart
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Madeline [illegible] honor of Ben and Sandy Krause's [illegible]ary.
Ms. Susan Wasserman, for an Aliyah on Shavuot.
Ms. Susan Wasserman, in honor of her Aliyah on Shabbat Behaalotekha.
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